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ATTORNEY GENERAL DARRELL MCGRAW DISTRIBUTES FUNDING TO THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF THE EASTERN PANHANDLE FROM THE PHARMA, INC. SETTLEMENT FUNDS

Attorney General Darrell McGraw today announced the distribution of \$30,000 to the Boys & Girls Club of the Eastern Panhandle to fund its children's programs aimed at drug prevention. This award will be distributed among the Boys & Girls Clubs of Jefferson County, the Boys & Girls Club of Morgan County and the Boys & Girls Club of Martinsburg. This money comes from the latest installment in the \$10,000,000 settlement with Purdue Pharma, Inc. over the addictive qualities of the drug Oxycontin. A total of \$90,000 in funding will be presented to Boys & Girls Clubs across the state.

The Boys & Girls Club of the Eastern Panhandle will be using the funding to establish the SMART Moves program. SMART Moves is a nationally acclaimed comprehensive prevention program that helps young people resist alcohol, tobacco and other drug use, as well as premature sexual activity. SMART Moves features engaging, interactive, small-group activities that increase participants' peer support, enhance their life skills, build their resiliency and strengthen their leadership skills. This year-round program encourages collaborations among Club staff, youth, parents and representatives from other community organizations.

"It is an honor for my office to see the fruits of our labor go back to the citizens we serve by putting this funding into programs such as the Boys & Girls Club and therefore the community. We all have a contribution to make to civilization, and I know that we are all committed to that in our efforts."

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